



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Orthotics and Prosthetics Advisory Committee was held at 10:00 a.m., on March 12, 2008, in Conference Room 2 of the Department of Health Offices at 20435-72nd South, Kent WA.

Committee Members Present: Garth Shippen
Martin McDowell
Jean Boelter

Staff Present: Judy Haenke, Acting Executive Director
Janette Benham, Program Manager

OPEN SESSION:

Introductions

New Program Manager: Janette Benham
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Reports

Janette Benham reported on the following:

- Recruitment efforts are under way for two vacant positions: One public member and one licensed physician.
- The Northwest Chapter of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP) meeting is May 1-3, 2008, in Bellevue, Wa. The committee discussed having a representative from the Department of Health speaking at the meeting.

Judy Haenke reported on the following

- Legislative Updates—
 - 4SHB 1103 HB 1103 requires fingerprint based background checks, and gives the secretary authority over cases involving sexual misconduct unless there is also a standard of care issue. It also creates a pilot project for the medical and nursing commissions.
 - SHB2218 increases the penalty for violating the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mandatory Reporting Rules – WSR 08-04-107

Judy Haenke provided information regarding Mandatory Reporting Rules. The hearing will be held on March 12, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health in Tumwater.

Review of Procedure 205: Initial Assessment and Case Disposition Decisions.

The committee discussed the procedure and the need to consider prior discipline and complaints in disciplinary cases. The procedure provides form 205A that program staff will prepare when the board determines what step to take (close or authorize investigation). The Case Disposition Worksheet is then prepared by staff. The committee went over the list and forms used for recording information on form 205B.

Update on Draft Language of WAC 246-922-XXX Orthotic Devices

Draft language is being considered by the Podiatry Board relating to foot or ankle orthotic devices. The committee reviewed the draft language and requested program staff forward a comment to include language regarding diabetics.

Health Systems Quality Assurance Organizational Restructure

Judy Haenke presented an update and overview of the Health Systems Quality Assurance Organizational Restructure. In addition to outlining how responsibilities within the department will be realigned, the committee will still be able to contact the same people for committee support.

Report on Initiative 960

The committee went over how Initiative 960 would affect licensees. All licensing taxes and fees either to be imposed or amended have to be approved by the legislature.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments received from members of the public.

1:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Review of Jurisprudence Exam

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.